



Crime in HUD Projects

Public Housing Problems Persist

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People living in housing supported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] continue to face widespread criminal activity in their neighborhoods. Some examples from the most recent report of the Department's inspector general [IG]:

- < **Greensboro, NC** – As a result of operations by the Greensboro North Carolina Safe Home Task Force, five persons were convicted of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine in public housing developments, and were sentenced to a total of 148 years in prison. Authorities seized more than two and a half pounds of crack cocaine. (Department of Housing and Urban Development IG, *Semiannual Report to the Congress*, March 2000)
- < **Baltimore, MD** – At the O'Donnell Heights public housing development, 107 people were arrested for selling drugs, conspiracy, trespassing, and other crimes. Three of the individuals who were arrested are suspected of murdering five women, including a grandmother, her daughter, and a grandchild. (Department of Housing and Urban Development IG, *Semiannual Report to the Congress*, March 2000)
- < **New Haven and New London, CT** – Last year, more than 120 people were arrested on charges including possession of and intent to sell drugs. Authorities seized more than 530 bags of cocaine, 740 bags of heroin, 175 bags of marijuana, 16 weapons, two bullet proof vests, and two police scanners. (Department of Housing and Urban Development IG, *Semiannual Report to the Congress*, March 2000)
- < **Jackson, TN** – Authorities searched a residence located near a HUD subsidized project and found a functioning methamphetamine laboratory. The operators of the lab were convicted and sentenced to prison terms for manufacturing controlled substances and intent to sell in the public housing project. (Department of Housing and Urban Development IG, *Semiannual Report to the Congress*, March 2000)